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FOL RPT SANA 3954 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 13, 1978

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 3954

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, YE
SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. GIVEN THE SHARP DISAGREEMENT WHICH HAS SURFACED
IN THE LAST THREE DAYS BETWEEN THE TOP LEVELS OF THE
YARG AND OURSELVES OVER ARMS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT
SANA BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF POSTS WHICH REFTEL
PARAGRAPH 5 EXEMPTS FROM INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVER AIDE
MEMOIRE ON WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM.

2. IT WOULD BE OF NO PRACTICAL EFFECT TO ASK THE YARG
AT ANY TIME TO "USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PREVENT ANY ACTION BY THE
CONFERENCE WHICH EXPLICITLY REAFFIRMS THE ZIONISM-
RACISM DECISION OR COULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS HAVING SUCH
AN EFFECT." WE HAVE, HOWEVER, IN THE PAST NEVER

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OBJECTED TO MAKING SUCH REQUESTS OF THE YAR EVEN WHEN WE
KNOW THEY WILL REJECT THEM RATHER THAN TAKE A POSITION
THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ARABS, PARTICULARLY
SAUDI ARABIA. IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER,
THE REQUEST WOULD PROBABLY ADD TO THE SHARP DISAPPOINT-
MENT AND SUSPICION WHICH THE YAR PRESENTLY FEELS.

3. IF THE DEPARTMENT UNWILLING EXEMPT SANA FROM
INSTRUCTIONS, CHARGE SUGGESTS THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT
HIM INSTEAD TO OUTLINE USG POSITION ORALLY TO DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER KIBSI AND ELIMINATE MAKING ANY REQUEST OF
YAR. RANSOM
UNQUOTE VANCE

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